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successfully cajoled the Army Air Forces into adopting the P-51 as a

high-altitude fighter escort, thereby saving the lives o